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BULBS AND PLANTS

FALL 1917

BULBS in the fall are now a necessity to all who love flowers—both for indoor blooming in winter and for planting outside in the fall for next spring's blooming. No money you can invest will bring you such pleasurable returns as that invested in bulbs.

They are easily grown in living rooms, are not affected by the common changes of temperature or gas, and very easily taken care of, and for beauty and fragrance they excel any other flowers.

Narcissi, Crocuses, Scillas, Snowdrops and Tulips are especially suitable for planting in clumps along

streams and in fence corners. If planted in clumps in a sheltered spot, they will produce a mass of color in spring.

A few bulbs, scattered here and there, produce but little effect, but when planted in masses or in groups, they become at once grand and brilliant and eclipse in variety of coloring and picturesque effect almost any other flower. We only offer such kinds as can be used with perfect success either indoors or out in the garden. Tulips require cultural treatment similar to Hyacinths; the bulb, being smaller, should not be planted so deep. When grown indoors, put 6 bulbs in a 6-inch pan or pot.



Tumbler Baskets—Filled with flowers—a most appropriate gift. \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5 each.

WHEN TO ORDER. It is best to order promptly on receipt of this list, but they may be planted outside any time up to freezing weather. Practically all the bulbs in this list are ready in October, some of them before.

The stock that we send out is the same that we use ourselves and is not a lot of cheap bulbs that are often used in the cheap collections advertised, but is all **HIGH GRADE STOCK**. We have endeavored to put the price as low as possible for this grade of bulbs.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Owing to the war in Europe bulbs may be a little later than usual in coming from Holland. Customers will please be patient if your bulbs are not shipped all at one time or some variety late on arrival.

Cable advices on Aug. 22nd state that Holland Bulbs are now on the water enroute to the United States, so that we are reasonably sure of filling your orders early this year.

JOSEPH BANCROFT & SON, Inc.

LOCK BOX 37

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

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CUT FLOWERS

WE CARRY ON HAND at all times, large quantities of all seasonable flowers. In point of equipment and size our plant is the best of its kind in Northern Iowa. Large quantities of Roses, Carnations, Lilies, Chrysanthemums and all other seasonable flowers are grown in our plant, so that we can care for your orders in a satisfactory manner.

PRICES OF LOOSE CUT FLOWERS

Below we give a table showing about what you may expect to pay at the different seasons. Others may be lower at times, but when they have a chance they will make up for it and more too. These prices are for the very best stock.

	Thanks-giving	Dec. 22 to Jan. 1	Nov. 1 to Mar. 1	Sept. 1 to Nov. 1
ROSES	Per Doz.	Per Doz.	Except Holiday Per Doz.	Per Doz.
Mrs. Russell— Quantity limited Place your order early. Price varies according to season and length of stem	\$3.00 to \$5.00	\$3.00 to \$8.00	\$2.00 to \$5.00	\$2.00 to \$3.00
White Killarney— Finest white	\$1.50 to \$2.50	\$1.50 to \$3.00	\$1.50 to \$2.50	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Killarney— Finest pink	\$1.50 to \$2.50	\$1.50 to \$4.00	\$1.50 & \$2.50	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Ophelia— Yellow	\$1.00 to \$3.00	\$2.00 to \$5.00	\$1.50 to \$2.50	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Richmond and Milady— Crimson	\$1.50 to \$3.00	\$2.00 to \$4.00	\$1.50 & \$3.00	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Short stemmed Roses— Assorted colors—Suitable for favors.	\$1.00	\$1.50 doz.	75c doz.	50c doz.
CARNATIONS				
White, Light and Dark Pink, Red and Variegated	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	75c
Fancy— Large flowers, long stems, assorted colors	\$1.25	\$1.50 to \$2.00	\$1.25	



Assorted Boxes of loose cut flowers and green, suitable for any occasion, at \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10. Try one of our \$1 boxes for your sick friend. It will surprise and please them, and nothing will cheer them more. Sent prepaid anywhere for \$1.

Special Rates will be made for those wishing large quantities. Send list of wants and get our prices before you buy.

LILIES, Easter and Calla. Season almost entire year. 25c each, \$3 per doz. All large buds count the same as flowers on Easter Lilies.

Hyacinths and Narcissus. Season Dec. 10th to April 1st. \$1.00 to \$1.50 per doz., according to variety.

Sweet Peas and Violets, 25c per doz.

Asparagus Plumosus. Sprays 25c per doz., extra long sprays 50c per doz. Strings 75c and \$1.00 each.

Sprengeri. Sprays 25c and 50c per doz.

Smilax. 25c per string of 4 or 5 feet.

Chrysanthemums. All the popular colors. Season October 15th to December 15th. Small flowers \$1.00 per doz., good quality \$2.00 per doz., fancy \$2.50 to \$4.00 per doz.

Our Design Work has a personality. See Spring catalog for complete price list.



Ophelia

be pleased. We grow the flowers we sell—ship them fresh from our greenhouse.

TUMBLER & FANCY CUT-FLOWER BASKETS with liners 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 each.

WEDDING FLOWERS—Our facilities are of the very best to supply you with just what you want. Bouquets for Brides and attendants, for the table and corsage and boutonniere. Loose flowers for tables and home and church decorations. Send list of what you wish for special prices.

FLOWERS FOR THE HOUSE THE SEASON THROUGH

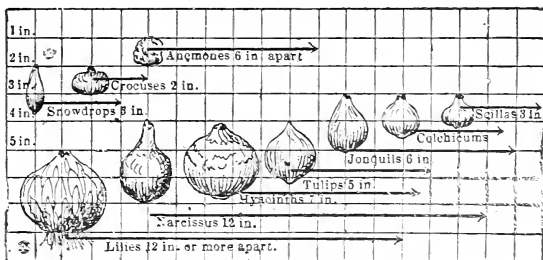
You enjoy having flowers in the home and having them on the table when you have a few friends in; why not have them oftener? A part of the year you cannot grow them, but we make it easy for you to have them whenever you like, at a small cost.

SEND FOR ONE OF OUR SPECIAL BOXES OF CUT FLOWERS

For the home, for a party, or for a sick friend. Just mail us your card and \$1.00 with the address of the person who is to receive it, and we will do the rest. We know you will

HOW TO PLANT YOUR BULBS

A careful study of the engraving will show you the exact depth and distance to plant your bulbs outside. Spade your ground up well—good and deep—well pulverized and rich. Then smooth off the soil and firm with brick or board. By using a round stick a little larger than the bulb you are planting, you can easily make holes the right size and depth. Drop your bulb in right side up, fill up the hole and again pack solid; firm and give thorough watering when the ground is dry outside.



When the ground freezes in the Fall give a thorough mulch, leaving same on all Winter and gradually remove the mulch in the Spring.

We consider it advisable when the ground is thoroughly moist after you have placed your mulch on the same, to cover the entire bed up with boards or roofing paper so as to prevent it from getting very wet in the Spring and the freezing and thawing in the Winter.

For inside use, plant your bulbs in light sandy soil, firming them well in the soil with crown of the bulb just below the surface. Give them thorough watering; then plunge the pots in the cellar to the depth of three or four inches above the pot. Examine them occasionally and if they become dry give them a thorough watering, keeping them buried from four to six weeks till they are started. Then remove them to the light and grow cool. Do not bring them to the light until they are thoroughly rooted and started and do not put them in a hot, sunny place, as this will have a tendency to make short, inferior blooming stalks. A light, cool, sunny window is best for the growing of all bulbs in the home. Hyacinths will have longer spikes if grown in the shade.



A Bed of Hyacinths

Grown in a protected place will give you excellent satisfaction. Fine assorted colors for outside planting 60c per doz.; \$4.10 per 100 prepaid.

Important for indoor culture plant one bulb in 4-inch or 3 or 4 in a six-inch pot. Use light, rich soil. Plant about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below surface—give a good watering and set away in cool, dark place for 6 or 8 weeks, bringing them in as wanted.

EARLY FRENCH ROMAN

By planting a few bulbs every two weeks, you can easily have a succession of flowers from Christmas till Easter.

Single Blue, Single Pink, 5c each, 50c per dozen.

Single White, 10c each, 3 for 25c.

DUTCH ROMAN or Miniature

(These are especially suitable for pot culture inside. Plant 3 bulbs in 5-inch pot.)

Gigantea, Blush pink.

Grand Maitre, Deep blue.

Gertrude, Clear pink.

Queen of Blues, Light blue.

A Christiana, Early pure white.

L'Innocence, Pure white, late. Price, 5c each, 50c per doz.

Use French Roman, Dutch Romans and Named Romans for indoor planting. For Garden Culture. Plant 6 inches deep and protect well with mulch. Do not uncover too early in spring. The Unnamed Dutch are mostly used for indoor planting.

UNNAMED HYACINTHS

(Especially suitable for outdoor culture.)

Colors Separate.

Single—Light Blue; Dark Blue; Red; Rose; White and Yellow.
Double—Light Blue; Dark Blue; Red; White and Yellow.

Price 5c each, 55c per doz.; \$4.00 per 100.

NAMED DUTCH HYACINTHS

These are best for pot culture indoors.

Our list contains only the best varieties for general use in their respective shades.

SINGLE VARIETIES

Gertrude, Medium early. Rose pink.

Gigantea, Early bluish pink.

Robert Steiger, Early crimson.

Mad Vanderhoop, Best early white.

Jacques, Large rose.

Gea Dewit, Fine light pink.

Queen of Blues, Early, light blue.

King of Blues, Dark blue, medium.

La Peruse, Beautiful light clear blue.

Grang Maitre, Dark porcelain, early.

Garibaldi, Brilliant red.

King of Yellow, Large and early.

Lady Derby, Light pink.

La Innocence, Pure white, compact truss.

Regulous, Light blue striped, early.

DOUBLE VARIETIES

Bonquet Tendre, Early carmine.

Blocksburg, Early porcelain.

Princess Louise, Deep red.

Garrick, Deep blue, early.

La Grandesse, Pure white.

Prince Saxweimar, Rich purple.

Sunflower, Buff, good spike.

Isabelle, Blush white.

Kohinoor, Double dark pink.

Gen. Kohler, Bright blue.

Grand Maitre, Dark porcelain blue.

LaTour de Auvergne, Double white.

Kohindoor, Double salmon.

Grootsworse, Dark red.

Price of named Dutch Hyacinths Double and Single, 10c each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100 prepaid.

TULIPS

No Flower for outside planting will give you the pleasure these will. Plant as soon as received in the Fall and after the ground freezes, protect with mulching, which should be removed as soon as they show growth in the Spring.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Owing to war conditions some of the tulips were damaged en route and did not bloom satisfactorily, being heated en route. Although it was something we are not responsible for, we are perfectly willing to replace at half price any tulips that did not flower satisfactorily for you.

If by mail add 5c per dozen; 10c per 100.



SINGLE NAMED VARIETIES

Artus. Brilliant Scarlet.
Cottage Maid. White, edged rose.
Rose Mundi. Dark pink, feathered white.
Chrysolora. Golden yellow, fine for bedding.
L'Immacule. Pure white.
White Swan. Pure white.
Duchess of Parma. Brown and orange.
Yellow Prince. Golden yellow.
Cremois Brilliant. Orange.
Duchess de Berlin. Cherry Red.
Tom Moore. Deep orange.
J. V. Beyeren. Striped pink.
La Reine. White shaded rose.
Rose G. D. Lin. Delicate rose, flushed white.
Keizerkroon. Red, with broad yellow border.
Crimson King. Crimson, good bedder.
Yellow Pottbaker. Light yellow.
Princess Marianne. Rose and white.

DOUBLE NAMED VARIETIES

Gloria Solis. Yellow and orange.
Duc Van Thol. Red and yellow.
Duc Van Thol. Scarlet.
Duke of York. Red, edged yellow.
Tournesol Yellow. Bright yellow, shaded orange. 5c each.
B. D. Orde. White, mauve striped.

Macusine. Violet.
Murillo. Large pink suffused white.
Rubra Maxima. Dazzling scarlet.
Salvator Rose. Deep rose.
La Candeur. Fine white.
La Vertu. Late rose.
Price of Named Tulips, 3c each, 35c per doz., \$2.50 per 100.

SINGLE FINE MIXED

For bedding, per doz., \$30c; 100 for \$1.50; 250 for \$3.50.

SINGLE EARLY TULIPS

Separate Color Mixture.

	Doz.	100
White Shades	\$.30	\$1.60
Yellow Shades . . . . .	.30	1.60
Pink Shades . . . . .	.30	1.60
Red Shades . . . . .	.30	1.60
Variegated Shades . . . . .	.30	1.60

DOUBLE EARLY TULIPS

Separate Color Mixture.

	Doz.	100
White Shades	\$.30	\$1.70
Yellow Shades . . . . .	.30	1.70
Pink Shades . . . . .	.30	1.70
Variegated Shades . . . . .	.30	1.70
Red Shades . . . . .	.30	1.70

DOUBLE FINE MIXED

For bedding, per doz., 30c; 100 for \$1.50; 250 for \$3.50.

Add 10 cents per 100, if by mail.

LATE FLOWERING TULIPS

This section of the Tulip family deserves more attention. Being of great beauty and coming into bloom in May, a splendid succession of bloom can be had when planted along with the early Tulips. They are extremely hardy and particularly fine for planting in clumps among shrubbery or in the herbaceous border. The flowers being borne on extra long stems make them invaluable as cut flowers and they have the added value of lasting a long time when cut and placed in water. (Unless noted are all single.)



Late Flowering Tulips.

Bouton de Orange. Pure yellow.

Darwin Tulips. Very brilliant. Color varies from pale blush to brightest red.

Parrot Tulips. Large size, beautiful variegated and fringed, mixed.

Bizarres. Mixed flowers beautifully blotched, striped and feathered with crimson, pink, scarlet, rose, lilac and purple on yellow ground.

Maiden Blush. Pure white, with beautiful margin of rose.

Gesneriana. Scarlet, blue center, sweet scented, one of the best.

Parisian Yellow. Large pure yellow flowers, borne on long stems (doubles.)

Byblooms. Flowers beautifully blotched, striped and feathered with pink, crimson, scarlet rose, blue and purple on white ground. Very showy.

Isabella. Beautiful variegated salmon pink.

Parisian White. Large pure white, double.

Gretchen. Soft blush.

Sultan. Maroon black.

Picotee. White with rose edge, pointed petals.

La Merveille. Scarlet suffused orange.

Baron de Tonnay. Bright pink.

Wedding Veil. Pure white Darwin.

Lantern. Light lilac.

La Candeur. Tall, almost pure white.

Gesneriana Orange Globe. Brilliant orange red.

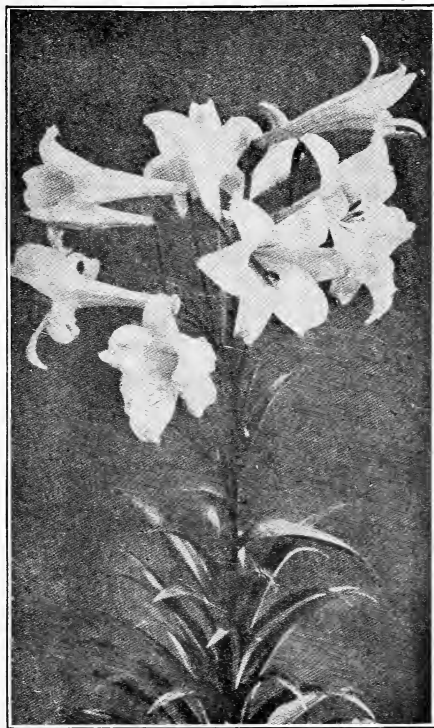
Macropsilia. Crimson, scarlet, black zone.

Price of late flowering Tulips, 40 cts. per doz., \$3.00 per 100. Prepaid.

Special Mixture of Late Flowering Tulips.

All the above late flowering varieties in mixture, 35c per doz., \$2.50 per 100, prepaid.

LILIES



JAPANESE EASTER LILIES

(*Lilium Longiflorum Giganteum*).
Ready in October

This is the best of all Lilies for indoor pot culture, bulbs planted latter part of September can be brought into bloom by Easter or before if kept in a warm room or a greenhouse after roots have been thoroughly established. Flowers are large trumpet shape, pure white in color.

First Size Bulb. 20c each, 3 for 50c.

Extra Size Bulbs. 30c each, 75c for 3.

Lily Formosum. A different type of Easter Lily, tall in growth, very easy to grow and produces splendid heavy petal flowers. 1st size 20c each, 2nd size 35c each.

Long Island Grown Hardy Japan Lilies. Owing to their late arrival it is almost impossible to plant some varieties of Japan Lilies in fall. So we have made arrangements for home grown stock for delivering by October. Plant immediately on receipt out side, protect well during winter.

Batemani. 3 to 4 ft. high, large clusters of reddish orange colored flowers. Flowers in August. 25c each.

Canadense. Lovely bell shaped flowers, yellow, spotted black, 20c.

Wallacei. Very floriferous, beautiful flowers, delicate apricot. 20c each.

Melpomene. Frosted white, spotted and bordered pinkish crimson. 25c.

Album. Pure white, a tint of buff on petals. 35c.

Rubrum. Deep rose, spotted crimson and white. 25c.

LILY CANDIDUM

This is one of the oldest, loveliest and best known Lilies. The flowers, of which there are three to twenty on each stem are snow white, with heavy yellow stamens and of the most delightful fragrance. It is hardy and will thrive in any ordinary garden soil, preferring a position where it can get plenty of light and air. Bloom in the open ground about June 20. We recommend early planting of this Lily, as it makes its leaf-growth in the fall, and thus prepares itself for early blooming. Orders should therefore be sent in on receipt of this Catalog. Once planted they should not be disturbed for years, and customers will do well to plant a bed of 25 or more. **Select Bulbs** 20 cents each; 3 for 50c; 12 for \$1.75.

CROCUS

Especially suited for edging beds; blossoms very early in Spring.

NAMED VARIETIES CROCUS

These are three or four times the size of the common sorts.

Baron Bruno. Deep blue.

Mont Blanc. Deep white.

Mammoth Yellow. Very fine.

Sir Walter Scott. White Striped blue.

Price of above 25c per doz., \$1.25 per 100.

UNNAMED VARIETIES CROCUS

White, striped, blue and yellow, or assorted; 20c per doz., \$1.00 per 100.

GLADIOLUS

For winter blooming. For grace and beauty these cannot be excelled. Plant 3 in 6-inch pot, or if planted in fall outside and well protected will bloom in June.

The Bride. Pure white. 2 for 5c, 25c per dozen.

The Blushing Bride. Blush white with three pink blotches on lower petals. 3c each, 35c per doz.

Peach Blossom. A beautiful soft pink, 5c each, 50c per dozen.

SPANISH IRIS

Very hardy and satisfactory. Many shades of coloring. Plant in clumps 3 or 4 inches apart, outside. All colors mixed, 20c per doz., \$1.10 per 100.

NARCISSUS AND DAFFODILS

Price of Narcissus is prepaid.

All these varieties are equally suited for growing inside and for planting out doors in the garden. (Prices quoted are prepaid.)



(Victoria)

Wm. Goldring. Pure white. 5c each, 55c per dozen.

Aspia. Pure white, yellow cup. 6c each, 65c per doz.

(Special offer, one each of 12 varieties for 60c prepaid)

NARCISSUS

TENDER VARIETIES FOR GROWING IN WATER.

Grand Monarque. Flowers white with yellow cup. Gives excellent results when grown in water. 8c each. 80c per doz.

Chinese Sacred Lily. Bulbs throw up 5 to 10 spikes bearing large clusters of fragrant white blossoms with yellow center. Very suitable for growing in water. 15c each, \$1.50 per doz., prepaid.

Lord Canning. Large golden yellow flowers with orange cups. 7c each, 75c per doz.

Maestro. Large thick petaled flowers of creamy white with deep orange cup. 10c each, 3 for 25c.

For best effect for indoors plant several bulbs in a pot. For outdoors plant bulbs in clumps along a walk or border. Narcissus must be well protected outside.

SINGLE VARIETIES

Barri Conspicuous. Rich yellow, orange trumpet, 5c each.

Emperor. Entire flower rich yellow, trumpet very large, 6c each, 60c per doz.

Empress. A fitting companion to above. Trumpet rich yellow, perianth pure white, 6c each, 60c per doz.

Golden Spur. Extra large rich yellow, strong grower. 6c each, 60c per doz.

Trumpet Major. Large flowers of deep yellow, very early. 5c each, 12 for 50c.

Victoria. Pure white, perianth, large yellow trumpet, 6c each, 60c per doz.

Poeticus. Flower pure white, golden cup. 3c each, 35c per doz.

Mrs. Thompson. Very early, all pure white. 5c each, 50c per doz.

Grand Soleil d'Or. Yellow. Orange cup. 8c each. 85c per doz.

Sir Watkin. Of good size, rich golden yellow cup. 6c each, 60c per doz.

Mrs. Langtry. Broad white petals, cup edged yellow. 4c each, 45c per doz.

Henry Irving. Entire flower clear yellow, large size. 5c each, 55c per doz.



Lily Candidum. The finest hardy white lily that grows. For description and price see page 7.

NARCISSUS

DOUBLE VARIETIES. Prices Quoted are Prepaid.

Alba Plena Odorata. Fragrant, snow white, 4c each; 40c per dozen.
Incomparable. Pale yellow and orange, fragrant. 4c each, 40c per dozen.

Von Sion. The grand old fashioned double yellow Daffodil. Splendid for indoor blooming and especially used for cut flower. 5c each, 50c per doz.

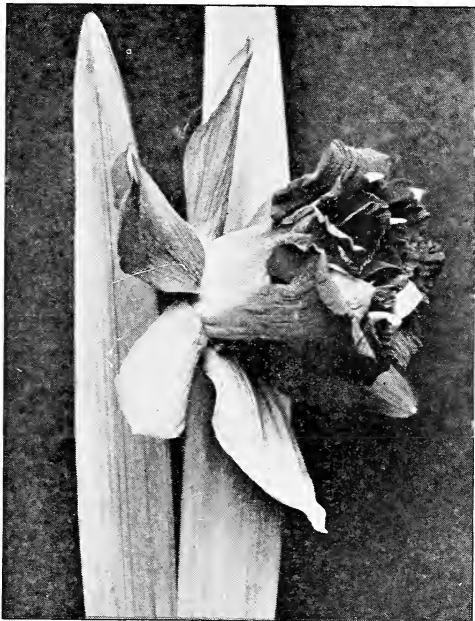
Von Sion Double Nosed Bulbs. Will produce two or more flowers to the bulb. 7c each, 75c per doz.

Orange Phoenix. Flowers white, orange center, sweet scented. 4c each, 40c per dozen.

Sulphur Phoenix. White and sulphur yellow. Easy to grow. 5c each, 50c per doz.

Incomparabilis. Light yellow and orange. 6c each.

SPECIAL OFFER: 18 Narcissus and Jonquils, assorted varieties, (all hardy) for 60c, prepaid.



Von Sion Narcissus



Narcissus, Paper White

TENDER VARIETIES. For early blooming.

Paper White Narcissus. These beautiful graceful Narcissus will flower as early as the Christmas Hyacinth and are the best of all. European bulbs for growing in winter. The flower is larger than the Chinese Sacred Lily. Planted in earth use 6 to 8 bulbs in a six-inch pan, which started in September will flower by Christmas. 5c each, 60c per doz., prepaid.

Early Double Roman. White with yellow center, very fragrant. 6c each, 60c per doz.

No bulb will give you more perfect satisfaction indoors than the varieties of Narcissus. For extra early use plant Paper White, Early Double Roman, Trumpet, Major and Golden Spur. For later use plant any of the other varieties listed.

SPANISH IRIS

Very hardy and satisfactory. Many shades of coloring. Plant in clumps 3 or 4 inches apart outside. All colors mixed, 20c per doz., \$1.50 per 100.

LILY OF THE VALLEY

Clumps for outside planting 25c each.

ANEMONE (Wind Flower)

Similar in appearance to Poppies. Many shades and colors. Double mixed, 35c per doz.

ALLIUM NEAPOLITANUM

Of easiest culture, flowers star shaped, produced in large, spreading um-

bells on long stems. Pure white. 35c per doz.

FREESIA REFRACTA ALBA

Very easy of culture and beautiful. Plant 6 bulbs in a five inch pot. Largest size, 4c each, 12 for 40c.

Purity Freesia. Flowers of large size, with great length and strength of stem. A magnificent, showy, glistening white, 5c each, 60c per doz.

ANOMATHECA (Scarlet Freesia)

Small, bright scarlet flowers, nice for pots. 6 for 15c, 30c per dozen.



Freesia

ORNITHOGALUM ARABICUM**Star of Bethlehem.**

For indoor culture only. Large spikes of pure white flowers, black stamens. 6c each, 60c per dozen.

IXIAS. These graceful flowers include many shades of yellow, pink, scarlet and crimson and resemble a miniature Gladiolus. 2 for 5c, 20c per dozen.

SNOWDROPS. These beautiful flowers are first to open in the Spring. 30c per doz.; Double, 40c per dozen.

GIANT SNOWDROPS. Three times the size of common, single varieties. 40c per doz.

OXALIS

Flower soon after planting, easily grown. Charming for hanging basket.

ALBA. Single white. 5c each.

YELLOW DOUBLE, 5c each.

BUTTERCUP. Large single yellow. 5c each.

HIRTA ROSEA. Pink. 5 for 20c, 12 for 35c.

CHIONODOXA LUCILIAE**Glory of the Snow**

One of the earliest to bloom in the Spring; perfectly hardy. Lovely blue

and white. Usually blooms by Xmas if grown inside. 4c each, 40c per doz.

BULBS FOR NATURAL EFFECTS

Narcissi, Crocuses, Scillas, Snowdrops and **Tulips** are especially suitable for planting in clumps along streams and in fence corners. If planted in clumps in a sheltered spot, they will produce a mass of color in the spring. We put up the following collections for this purpose:

Crocus, assorted colors, 100 for 75c, 250 for \$1.90.

Crocus. Giant varieties, \$1.05 per 100.

Narcissi, hardy varieties, in assortment, our selection, \$2.00 per 100.

Tulips, late-flowering, in special mixture varieties, \$2.50 per 100.

Tulips, early-flowering varieties, assorted colors, \$1.65 per 100.

Hyacinths, assorted colors, \$4.00 per 100.

Lily (L. candidum), 20c each, \$2.00 per doz.

Snowdrops, single, \$1.25 per 100.

Scilla Sibirica, \$1.50 per 100.

Spanish Iris, \$1.50 per 100.

These collections are delivered to your door, postage or express prepaid.

PLANTS ESPECIALLY SUITABLE FOR THE HOME DURING THE FALL AND WINTER

If you do not have our Spring Catalog of all kinds of Shrubs, Plants, etc. both for fall and spring planting, drop us a card and we will gladly send same.

AZALEAS

For conservatory or home decoration these beautiful plants are unequalled.

Several of the best varieties. First size, \$1.00 each; second size, \$2.00; third size, \$3.00 each; largest size, \$4.00 each.

ASPARAGUS PLUMOSUS

One of the most distinct and effective decorative plants, of easiest possible culture, thriving best in full light—but not in direct sun.



Especially suited for fern dishes. The stem is tufted, slender and gracefully arching. 20c, 30c and 50c each.

ARACURIA EXCELSA

(Norfolk Island Pine)

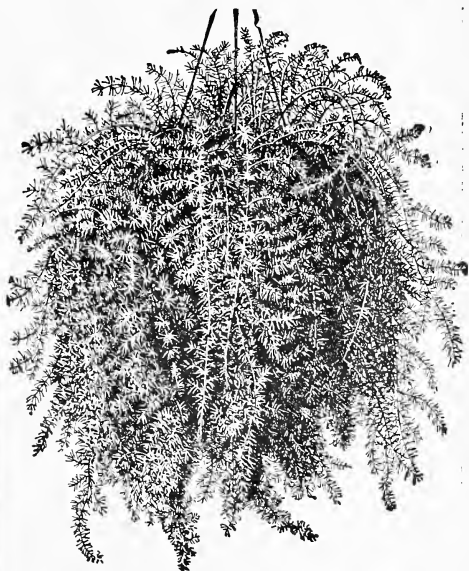
Sometimes called Xmas Tree Palm, from its resemblance to a Xmas tree. It has a deep green feathery foliage arranged in whorls, rising one above the other at regular distances. \$3.00 each.

ASPARAGUS SPRENGERI

A grand trailing plant especially useful to grow as a pot plant for house decoration or for planting in the hanging baskets, or window-boxes, where it makes a graceful drooping plant with branches or fronds 4 to 5 feet in length, of a rich shade of green; 10c each, 50c for 6; large plants, by express, 25c and 50c each. Extra large, \$1.00.

BEGONIAS

Flowering varieties in assortment. 15c each, 4 for 50c. Large size 30c each.



Asparagus Sprengeri

BEGONIAS REX

25c each.

CARNATIONS

Nice plants for fall and winter blooming.

Windsor. Medium pink.

Enchantress. Light pink.

Beacon. Bright scarlet.

Mrs. Ward. Dark pink.

White Wonder. Fine white.

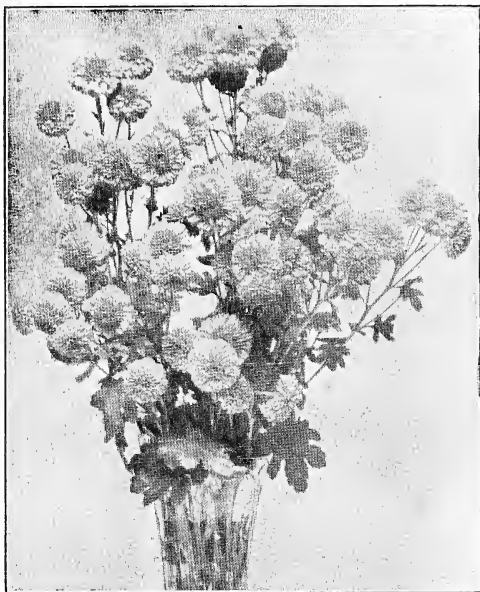
Pollsworth's White. Dwarf grower, rather late in coming into bloom, but exceedingly prolific late in the winter.

Mrs. Patten. Pure white pencilled pink. 25c each, 3 for 60c. Strong plants ready to bloom.

CALLA

Dwarf Calla, the Godfrey. Undoubtedly the finest Calla in cultivation. It far surpasses the common variety in freedom of bloom. Snowwhite and of perfect form. Blooming size, 25c and 50c each.

Aethiopia. An excellent house plant, requiring an abundance of water during its growing season. Strong plants, 25c, 50c and 75c each, according to size.



Pompon Chrysanthemums

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Best varieties for pot culture in home for fall blooming.

Robert Halliday. Early light yellow.

Anna. Single like a Marguerite, wonderful free flowering.

Kittie Bourne. Semi-double, yellow pompons.

Maj. Bonnafan. Dwarf grower. Light yellow, incurved flower.

Golden Mensa. Semi-double pompon. Bright golden yellow.

Maud Dean. Incurved, late pink; fine.

Chas. Razier. Strong, upright grower. Incurved, clear white; sometimes tinted lavender.

Decemer Gem. Very large, globe shaped flower; pure white.

Ethel Fitzroy. Round incurved flower. Rich, golden yellow; tinted bronze.

Patty. Dwarf habit; large round flower. Clear glistening pink.

Price, strong plants from 6 inch pots, 50c each, \$5.00 per doz., larger size, \$1.00 each.

For complete descriptive list see our last spring's catalog.

Add 10c postage on all Plant Orders to go by Mail.

CYPERUS OR UMBRELLA PLANT

Next to the palms, the plant deservedly takes rank among the most useful foliage plants for inside culture. 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c.

FICUS ELASTICA

(Indian Rubber Tree)

The large, shining green leaves endure the dry air of the living room as well or better than any other plant.

This is why everybody likes it. Our plants are very choice. Plants one foot high, each 50c. 18 inches high, \$1; 2 feet high, \$1.35; 2½ feet, \$1.75.

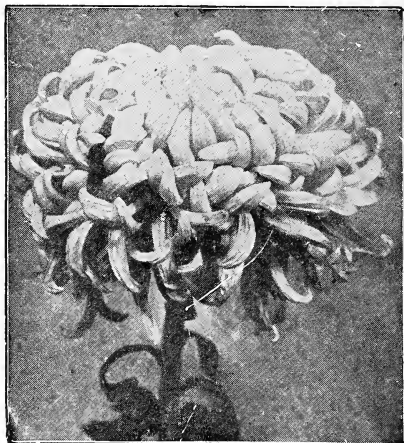
ROSES

20 best varieties for winter blooming in the home and conservatory. Strong 4-inch pot plants, 20c each, 6 for \$1.

Small plants, 10c each, \$1 per doz.

SMILAX

There is no climbing plant in cultivation that surpasses this in the graceful beauty of its foliage. 10c each, 25c for 3.



Maud Dean .

GERANIUMS

20 best varieties, 3-inch pot plants, 10c each, \$1 per doz.

VIOLETS

Hardy Russian. Single deep blue; perfectly hardy; good bloomer fall and spring. 10c, large clumps 20c.

Prince of Wales. 10c each, larger 20c each.

FERNS

Ostrich Plume Fern (*Nephrolepis Whitmani*.)

Unquestionably the most valuable *Nephrolepis* of the Ostrich plume type yet introduced. Of dwarf and compact habit, the pinnae are deeply divided giving the plant a very graceful appearance, does not often revert to the common Boston fern. Small plants 25c and 50c each; strong 5 inch pot plants, \$1 each; extra fancy specimens, \$1.50 and \$2.00 each.



The most popular house plant in cultivation. In well known specimens, the fronds attain a length of 6 or 7 ft., like plumes arching over in a most graceful manner. A very fine plant for hanging pots or baskets on the piazza in the summer and conservatory in the winter. First size, 15c each, 50c for 4; second size, 25c each, \$1.00 for 5; third size, 50c each, fourth size \$1.00 each.

Boston Fern (*Nephrolepis Exaltata Bostoniensis*.)

Nephrolepis Whitmani

Beautiful specimens, \$1.50 and \$2.00 each.

Adiantum Rhodophyllum. A miniature Farleyense but easier to grow. 25c

Dwarf Boston Fern. (Teddy Jr.) Of more dwarf and bushy growth than the Boston. Fronds droop gracefully and

are not so long and coarse, the leaves are more crinkled. A rapid and easy grower. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 each.

Giant Boston Ferns Roosevelti. Stronger grower than the Boston fern—long heavy leaves, having a wavy appearance—a valuable novelty. Strong plants 25c and 50c each; 5-inch pot plants \$1.00 each.

FERNS FOR DISHES IN THE HOUSE

We have a good stock of the best growing varieties suitable for fern dishes and single pots in the home. Small plants suitable for fern dishes, 10c each, 5 for 50c, 12 for \$1. Larger size for specimen plants, 25c each.

Japan Air Plant. Similar to a very fine feathery Fern, very odd, lives without water or soil. Should be hung up in a little vase. 20c each, 3 for 50c.

FERN DISHES. Several kinds, both in glazed and Rockwood ware, 25c, 35 and 50c each.

JARDINIÈRES. We carry a beautiful lot in splendid assortment of fancy kinds. 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1. Very fancy ones, 12 to 16 inches across, \$2 and \$2.50 each.



Fern Dish planted with Ferns.

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PALMS

Keep in moderately warm room; sponge the foliage off frequently with warm water and whale-oil soap-suds and then with clear water, especially in summer and do not expose to the scalding rays of the sun in the summer.

Kentia Belmorena and **Kentia Fosteriana**, 50c and \$1 each; large size, \$3 and \$5 each.



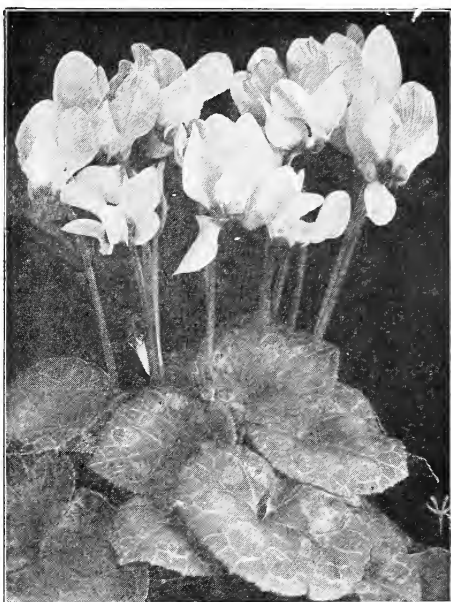
Kentia Palm.

Latania Borbonica. (Chinese Fan Palm.) 50c, \$1 and \$2.

Phoenix Robelenii, one of the great palms of the future, combining the

grace of the Cocos and the hardiness of the Kentia. \$1 and \$1.50 each.

Cocos Weddelliana, most elegant and graceful of all the small palms. 50c and \$1 each.

**CYCLAMEN PERSICUM**

As a winter flowering plant there are but a few that surpass the Cyclamen. Plant in rich soil and water sparingly until it is well started, when it can be treated like other house plants. Small plants suitable for next winter's bloom. 25c each. Second size, winter's bloom. 25c each. Second size, 50c. Largest size, \$1.00. Extra large, \$1.50.

PRIMROSE

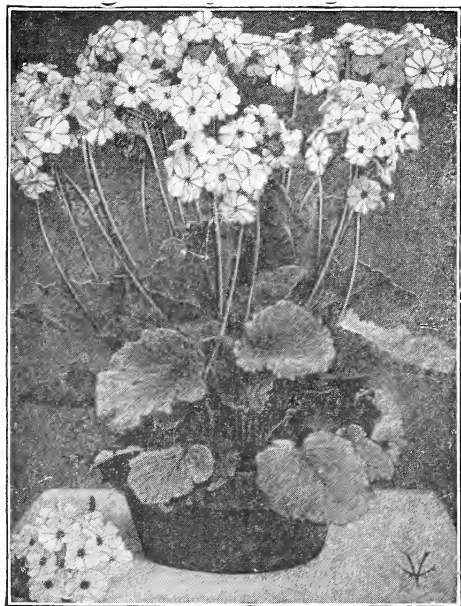
Chinese, assorted colors, 15c each. 2 for 25c. Larger size, 25c each. Extra large 50c each.

Obconica, everblooming, 15c each, 2 for 25c. Larger size 25c each, 3 for 65c.

Baby, 20c each, 3 for 50c.

POINSETTA

This beautiful Christmas-blooming plant is the admiration of all who see them. Would not advise you to buy them before November, securing the plant in full bud, ready to bloom. A description of the plant is hardly necessary, as you have all seen pictures and descriptions in the magazines. Price for Christmas-flowering, strong, 5-inch pot plants, 50c each; pans, made up of 3 plants, \$1.25. Pans of 4 plants \$1.50 and \$2.00.



Primula Obconica.

Hardy Shrubs and Plants to Plant Out in the Fall

We would recommend Fall planting for nearly all hardy Perennials, plant early in September or October and protect well with coarse covering after ground becomes frozen late in fall.

Our space is so limited, that it is impossible to list only a very few of these beautiful hardy plants. See pages 39 to 48 of our Spring Catalog. Sent free on application.



Shasta Daisy

Hardy Shrubs. Would recommend the following for Fall planting. For other varieties see last Spring's catalog.

Barberry Thumbergi. 18-24 inch, bushy, 25c each; \$2.50 per doz.; \$15.00 per 100.

Sambucus, or Golden Elder, 25c each.

Viburnum Sterilis, or Snow Ball, 25c each.

Syragea, or Mock Orange, 25c each.

Hydrangea P. G., 25c and 50c each.

Lilac, common purple or white, 25c.

Lilac, Double French, 75c.

Spirea Van Haute, (bridal wreath) 15c each, \$1.50 doz.; large size, 25c. \$2.50 doz.

Spirea Antony Waterer. 25c each.

HARDY CLIMBING PLANTS

Ampelopsis Veitche, (Boston Ivy) 1 year old plants 25c each.

Begonius Radicans, trumpet creeper, 25c.

Honeysuckle, assorted varieties, 25c each.

Wistaria, blue, 25c; white, 50c.

Woodbine, 10c each; \$1.00 per doz.

Clematis, Large Flowering, 3 year pot grown, 75c each.

Clematis Paniculata. Pot grown. 20c and 40c each.

Hardy Perennials are successfully planted in September and October. By planting in the Fall you save the bother of planting in the Spring often when dry and hot and very busy, and if planted early and protected will make fine stock for next year (all one year clumps.) For complete list see our Spring Catalog.

Aquilegia, (Columbine) assorted colors 15c each; 4 for 50c.

Anemone Japonica, 30c each.

Hardy Asters, Assorted colors, 25c each.

Delphinium, (Larkspur) assorted 20c each; 3 for 50c.

Achillea, The Pearl, 20c each.

Boltonia, 20c per clump.

Dielytra, (Bleeding Heart) 25c.

Dianthus (hardy pinks), assorted, 25c each.

Burbank's Shasta Daisy, 25c each, 3 for 60c.

Campanula (Canterbury Bell), assorted, 20c each.

Day Lily, 25c each.

Gaillardia, 20c each; 3 for 50c.

Hollyhocks, pot grown, assorted colors, 15c each, 4 for 50c.

Myrtle, hardy trailing, 20c each; 3 for 50c.

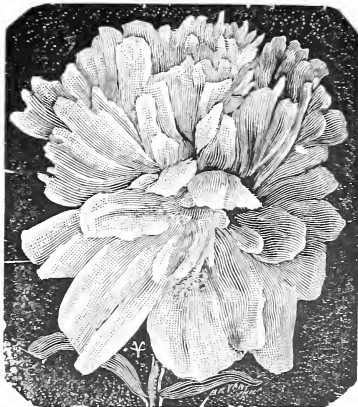
Mint, Clump, 20c.

Iris Japan, assorted, 20c each; 3 for 50c.

Iris German, 20c each; 3 for 50c.

Hardy Phlox. A grand collection of the best varieties that grow. Small plants 15c each, 4 for 50c, \$1.50 per doz.; clumps 2 years old, 30c each, \$3.00 per doz.

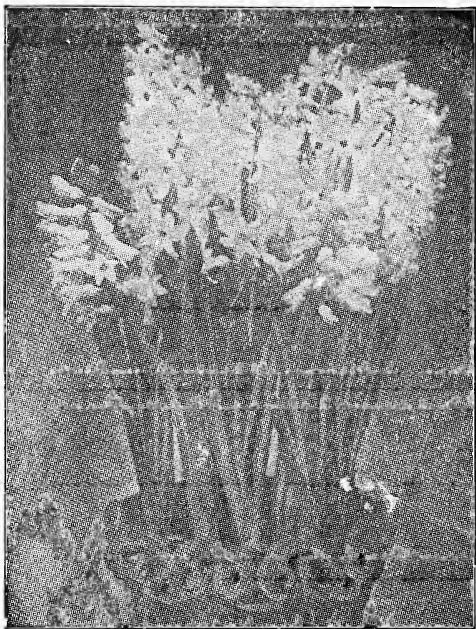
Rudbeckia (Golden Glow), 20c each, 3 for 50c.



Peony. (The time to plant peonias is in the fall; they make root and are in much better condition than if you wait till spring. 25 of the best varieties. See last spring's Catalog.) 30c each, 4 varieties for \$1.00.

Sweet Williams, fine clumps, 20c each, 3 for 50c.

Yucca, 30c each.



French Roman Hyacinths

- No. F.** Twelve assorted Narcissus for indoor culture, for 60c; prepaid.
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